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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

February 01, 2011

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

### **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

Request to extend the sunset review date for the Los Angeles County Commission for Women.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Approve introduction of ordinance extending the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's sunset review date to December 1, 2013.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles County Commission for Women (Commission) was created by the Board pursuant to Chapter 3.64 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Board approved the most recent sunset review extension on September 8, 2009, which expired on December 1, 2009.

The Commission represents the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual preferences. The Commission's duties include:

- Study or investigate through meetings, conferences, public hearings or forums, the conditions which allegedly demonstrate discrimination or prejudice because of gender, marital status or sexual preference.
- Investigate complaints, practices of discrimination or instances of prejudice against any person because of gender, marital status or sexual preference.

- Report on Commission's activities to the Board at least once a year.
- Research, prepare and disseminate information regarding sex discrimination and prejudice; and advise residents, the Board, departments, agencies and other organizations and institutions on the needs of women relating to discrimination and prejudice because of gender, marital status or sexual preferences.
- Develop and maintain a talent bank of women which can be used in recruiting and nominating qualified women to serve on various County Boards and commissions.

During this review period the Commission accomplished the following:

- Issued the Los Angeles County Commission for Women Status Report for Fiscal Year's (FY) 2006-07 through 2007-08. This publication serves as a resource guide for the women's community.
- Hosted the annual Run for Health 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run for Girls-at-Risk at Dockweiler Beach which raised funds for scholarships that were given to nursing students and at-risk girls to assist with higher education costs.
- Organized the annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon. This event recognizes outstanding women throughout the County for their commitment and contributions to the advocacy of women's rights.
- In collaboration with the Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council, hosted the first Domestic Violence Briefing. The briefing informed the Board of major issues and areas of concern that affect the domestic violence population, such as the lack of mental health services, funding for housing and legislation.
- Hosted "Accessing County Services, An Overview: What Women Should Know" with former Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, which was a community meeting informing the public of the 211 L.A. County line to access health and human services throughout the County and of other County programs and services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Commissioners meet twice each month and receive a \$25 stipend for each meeting attended. In addition, Commissioners receive reimbursement for Commission related travel expenses, such as transportation, meals and lodging. The Executive Office of the Board provides staff support to the Commission and estimates Fiscal Year 2008-09 expenditures of approximately \$109,000 for staff support, mileage, parking, stipends, and services and supplies.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Commission has 15 members; three appointed by each Supervisorial District. From January 2007 to December 2009, the Commission met 41 times with an average attendance of 9.8 members (65%).

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Commission's objectives for the coming period are to:

- Represent the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual preferences.
- Work with the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance and other County departments to address problems of sexual harassment and discrimination at work, in the courts and at schools.

- Explore fundraising activities to raise money for scholarships for at-risk girls and Women of the Year Awards Luncheon to support outreach in the communities.
- Make recommendations to the Board to further promote women's rights and their economic security.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Louisa Ollague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Louisa" and last name "Ollague" clearly distinguishable.

LOUISA OLLAGUE

Chair

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller  
Chair, Los Angeles County  
Commission for Women



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DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

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September 1, 2010

TO: Audit Committee

FROM: Wendy L. Watanabe  
Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: **SUNSET REVIEW FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
FOR WOMEN**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Audit Committee recommend to the Board of Supervisors (Board) to extend the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's sunset review date to December 1, 2013.

**BACKGROUND**

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### **JUSTIFICATION**

During this review period, the Commission's accomplishments included the following:

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For the next evaluation period, the Commission's objectives are to:

- Represent the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual preferences.
- Work with the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance and other County departments to address problems of sexual harassment and discrimination at work, in the courts and at schools.
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- Make recommendations to the Board to further promote women's rights and their economic security.

Please call me if you have any questions, or you may contact Terri Kasman at (213) 253-0103.

WLW:MMO:JLS:TK

Attachments

c: Yolanda Becerra-Jones, President, Commission for Women  
Robin A. Guerrero, Chief, Board Operations  
Angie Montes, Acting Chief, Commission Services

**COMMISSION SUNSET REVIEW**  
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**  
**REVIEW COMMENTS**

**Mission.** (Does the mission statement agree with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

Stated mission is as set forth in the ordinance establishing the Commission.  
**CONCUR.**

**Section 1. Relevance.** (Is the mission still relevant and in agreement with the Board of Supervisors' purpose and expectations?)

The Commission's mission is to represent the special interests and concerns of women of all races, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, religious convictions, social circumstances and sexual preferences.

The Commission's mission appears to be **RELEVANT.**

**Section 2. Meetings and Attendance.** (Are required meetings held and is attendance satisfactory?)

The Commission is required to meet monthly. From January 2007 to December 2009, the Commission met 41 times with an average attendance of 9.8 (65%) members.

The Commission's meeting frequency and attendance are **SATISFACTORY.**

**Sections 3 and 4. Accomplishments and Results.** (Are listed accomplishments and results significant?)

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The Commission's accomplishments and results are **SIGNIFICANT**.

**Section 5. Objectives.** (Are the objectives compatible with the mission and goals and relevant within the current County environment?)

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- Make recommendations to the Board to further promote women's rights and their economic security.

The Commission's future objectives appear **RELEVANT**.

**Section 6. Resources.** (Are the resources utilized by the entity in support of the entity's activities warranted in terms of the accomplishments and results?)

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Office estimates FY 2008-2009 Commission expenditures of approximately \$111,000 for staff support, mileage, parking, stipends, and services and supplies.

The Commission's expenses appear to be WARRANTED.

**Section 7. Recommendation.**

**EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN TO DECEMBER 1, 2013.**

# Los Angeles County Commission for Women Attendance Record

Commissioner	Nominated by:	3/31/07	6/30/07	9/30/07	12/31/07	3/31/08	6/30/08	9/30/08	12/31/08	3/31/09	6/30/09	9/30/09	12/31/09	Totals	% Attended
<b>Number of Meetings per Quarter</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>41</b>	
Karin S. Davalos	1st District	6	2	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0			<b>18</b>	53%
Michelle Pinedo	1st District	5	3	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	0	<b>27</b>	66%
Olivia G. Rodriguez	1st District	6	5	5	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	<b>40</b>	98%
Vacant	1st District											0	0	<b>0</b>	0%
Ruth Jernigan	2nd District	6	5	5	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	3	2	<b>38</b>	93%
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.	2nd District	6	5	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	<b>39</b>	95%
Yolanda Becerra-Jones	2nd District	4	5	4	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	<b>37</b>	90%
Elise G. ZeBrack	3rd District	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	0					<b>12</b>	41%
Julie McCarthy Napoleon	3rd District										0	1	3	<b>4</b>	57%
Norma L. Gallegos	3rd District										1	3	3	<b>7</b>	100%
Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.	3rd District									0	2	2	3	<b>7</b>	78%
Vacant	3rd District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>	0%
Vacant	3rd District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>	0%
Bobbi Jean Tanberg	4th District	5	5	4	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	<b>36</b>	88%
Charlotte A. Lesser	4th District	6	5	5	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	<b>40</b>	98%
Janet E. Mummey, Esq.	4th District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>	0%
Vacant	4th District												0	<b>0</b>	0%
Jill Tanner	5th District											0	3	<b>3</b>	75%
Peggy J. Freeman	5th District	4	3	5	1	2	3	3	2	3	1			<b>27</b>	77%
Reiko K. Duba	5th District	5	3	5	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	<b>37</b>	90%
Wadlie M. Gravely	5th District	5	4	3	2	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	<b>30</b>	73%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>402</b>	
Average Attendance per Meeting														<b>9.8</b>	

**Legend:**

☐ Vacancy was filled or Commissioner did not serve during this period.



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**Re: Extension of the Sunset Review Date for the Los Angeles  
County Commission for Women**

Dear Ms. Kerr:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed is the proposed ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3.64 of the Los Angeles County Code relating to the Commission for Women. This amendment extends the Sunset Review Date to December 1, 2013.

Very truly yours,

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

By   
RICHARD GIRGADO  
Deputy County Counsel  
Government Services Division

APPROVED AND RELEASED:

  
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN  
County Counsel

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Enclosures